

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 17, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### Help line available for parents

When parents and caregivers feel like the stress of child rearing is at its limit, call the Family Stress Line. Whether you are concerned about how to discipline or manage your adolescent, worried about school performance, or any stress related to parenting, the StressLine is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-243-7337. Family Stress Line, a program of The Family Tree child abuse prevention agency, is a confidential hotline. Professionally trained, non-judgmental and caring volunteers are available to help you.

### Parenting Classes

The Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring classes for parents with school age children age 6 to 12 years Jan. 24 through Feb. 28 on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Army Community Service, building 2754. If childcare is needed, please respond by Jan. 21. For information and reservations, call 410-278-7474/7478.

### AA Library Closed

The Aberdeen Area library is temporarily closed until further notice.

### Nominations for the NAF Employee of the Year

Supervisors of Non-appropriated Fund employees are reminded that nominations for the NAF Employee of the Year are due to NAF Personnel on Jan. 22. Please call 410-278-8994 or 8993 if you have questions while preparing nomination packages.

### Shoppettes and post gas stations

Civilian employees may purchase doughnuts and hot drinks from the Krisy Kreme concession in the shoppette, but they cannot purchase gasoline or other products.

### 61st Ordnance Brigade Prayer Breakfast set for Jan. 31

The 61st Ordnance Brigade will host a prayer breakfast on Jan. 31 at Top of the Bay. Breakfast will be served at 6 a.m. with the formal program starting at 6:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Jack A. Randles, U.S. Army, retired. A veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, he is the former Deputy Staff Chaplain of the U.S. Army Forces Command. The 389th U.S. Army Band's Brass Quintet and the Northeastern Civilian Personnel Operations Center Gospel Choir will be providing musical support..

Tickets are \$5 and are available through the 61st

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# Police officer of the year selected

## Former state trooper brings innovations to APG

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

After 30 years in law enforcement, Aberdeen Proving Ground police officer Joseph L. Davis III says he still loves the job and he's still having fun.

The four-year veteran of APG's police has been selected as the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Police Officer of the Year.

A native Marylander, who came to APG after 26 years with the Maryland State Police, Davis accepts the honor humbly.

"It's a good feeling to be selected by my peers," Davis said. "It means they have confidence in my abilities. That's the ultimate compliment."

Davis works in the Traffic Section headquartered in building 300. He also pulls duty at the Police Academy as an instructor in Maryland motor vehicle laws, accident investigation procedures and physical training.

Davis conceived of and leads the Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement Program on post, an effort geared toward ensuring commercial vehicles driven on the installation meet national safety requirements.

He said the safety program is part of a nationwide inspection program that extends from Mexico to Canada.

"Basically, we randomly stop commercial vehicles and pull safety inspections," Davis said. "Most people would be amazed to learn how many vehicles on the road operate with faulty air brakes."

Because companies frequently neglect to maintain their vehicles to standard, there is always the possibility of having unsafe vehicles in operation on post, he added.

"Violators found on the installation can be fined up to \$1,020," Davis said.

After a company accumulates a certain amount of violations, the state police can step in, inspect the organization's maintenance records and levy fines as needed.

Originally from the Middle River area, Davis said his only extended absence from the state consisted of five years in the U.S. Army that included a tour in Vietnam in the late 60s.

He worked odd jobs after his enlistment and was contemplating re-entering the military when he was accepted into the Maryland State Police.

"I always thought troopers looked so sharp in their uniforms," Davis said.

The only member of his family in law enforcement, Davis, noting law enforcement's evolution, said he has loved every minute of it.

"The most glaring changes have been brought on by computers," Davis said. "We've evolved into an electronic law enforcement agency," he added noting that the "grassroots of police work is still in community relations."

"Remembering to have respect for those you are dealing with and treating people like you would want to be treated is still what it's all about."

Maj. Joseph Darabasz, APG deputy provost marshal, described Davis as "the perfect example of what a police officer should be."

"If I had to describe him in one word it would be 'mentor,'" Darabasz said. "The younger officers look up to him and supervisors know he's the one who gets things done."

He said Davis wears many hats, and he wears them well.

"As a traffic investigator, an instructor, or while on bicycle patrol around Plum Point, he's a professional," Darabasz said. "And after all these years and all he's seen and done, he's still compassionate."



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Aberdeen Proving Ground's Police Officer of the Year is Joseph L. Davis III, a traffic investigator with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. The Vietnam veteran and former Maryland State trooper was recognized in a Jan. 10 ceremony at Garrison Headquarters.**

# Soldiers provide the gift of life

By Capt. Christopher Metz  
143rd Ordnance Battalion

The true spirit of Christmas was alive and well for the soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. On Dec. 11, 621 soldiers of the 143rd were standing in formation at Downer Hall anxiously waiting to donate blood to the American Red Cross in support of their mission of saving lives through blood transfusions.

The American Red Cross blood donor coordinator, Daria Avila, has been working closely with the battalion coordinating monthly blood drives for almost a year.

"Avila has always been creative in making the blood drives fun for the soldiers," said Maj. James Garrison, the battalion's executive officer. "One of her main priorities is to educate the soldiers on the importance of donating blood in the quest to save lives."

For the battalion blood drive in December, Avila did more than just talk to the soldiers about the importance of saving lives, she brought in living proof, a "testimony."

A testimony is a person whose

life has been saved by a blood transfusion and talks to others about how a blood donation saved their lives.

The soldier listened to Deborah Traverse, a resident of Baltimore, explain the importance of giving blood, and how it saved the life of her son Charlie Traverse.

At the age of five months, Charlie was diagnosed with conditimus craniosynostosis. This is a condition in which the brain does not fuse together and normally results in death if not diagnosed and treated immediately. In order to save Charlie's life he had to have four units of blood.

At first, Traverse began searching for family members that were qualified to become donors for her son. The first donor was her sister, who provided one unit of blood. She frantically began searching for other qualified donors, and was successful when the American Red Cross provided the remaining three units to save Charlie's life.

Charlie is now 7 years old and does not require any more treatment for his condition. Traverse

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Photos by Spc. LARRY CHAMBERLIN

**Charlie Traverse, age 7, explores an M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle with Maj. James Garrison, executive officer for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. Traverse visited the soldiers of the 143rd during their blood drive as "living proof" of the importance of donating blood to save lives. His life was saved by a blood transfusion.**

# SBCCOM garners Hammer Award for domestic preparedness

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The National Partnership for Reinventing Government recently awarded the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command the prestigious Hammer Award for its Domestic Preparedness Program.

On Dec. 28, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM, presented team and individual Hammer Awards in a ceremony at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Doesburg cited personnel as the "key factors in accomplishing the mission."

"I commend you for being able to pull together local, state and federal agencies to work toward a common goal or purpose," he said. "Everyone recognized here today contributed to that purpose."

"The nomination for the award leveraged several of the innovative practices and inventive ways that SBCCOM transferred its chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction knowledge to the civilian emergency response sector," said James K. Warrington, ECBC's program director for Domestic Preparedness/Homeland Defense, and the project's team leader.

He added that four approaches used - cutting red tape, team teaching, train the trainer, and federal partnering - were key to the project's success.

"Team teaching provided students with the two-fold benefits of local

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Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON

**Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, right, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, presents the prestigious Hammer Award to James K. Warrington, left, program director for Domestic Preparedness/Homeland Defense, and team leader of the nationwide training program that partnered federal agencies with local authorities to better defend against acts of terrorism involving nuclear, biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction.**

## Stay off ice-covered waters

By Susie Ashbby  
Safety Office

The erratic changes of temperatures in our area, coupled with steady currents in the rivers and streams, have created a danger to those who seek the pleasure of skating, playing or walking on the frozen waters.

The ice formed on these waters is deceiving. Although a crust of ice may form on top and appear to be thick, the actual depth and solidity is often misleading. Ice must be no less than four inches deep to safely hold an average person.

Although the temperature has been frigid, at times, it has not been consistently so, making ice on the rivers unstable. Maryland Natural Resources Police characterize this as an extremely dangerous condition. During the past week, three people were rescued from the ice. In one case, a man fell through the ice while walking on the river. In the other, two people were left afloat when the ice they were standing on broke free and floated into the current. These people

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Ordnance Brigade, 16th Ordnance Battalion and 143rd Ordnance Battalion sergeants major. For more information, call the 61st Ordnance Brigade Chaplain's Office at 410-278-2994 or 9313.

### Legal Office offers advice

For emergency legal advice, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Garrison Legal Assistance Office continues to see eligible clients on a walk-in basis every Thursday in building 310, wing 2, 8 to 11 a.m. For further information, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584. For legal advice that does not involve an emergency, contact the Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment.

### Freestate ChalleNGe sponsored by the Maryland National Guard

The Maryland National Guard currently offers an alternative education program for area high school dropouts between 16 and 18. Freestate ChalleNGe, coordinated through the Maryland Guard and is a 22-week, military-oriented resident program at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The program is free. The next class begins on Jan. 20 and ends on June 23. The resident portion of the program is followed by an intensive year-long mentoring phase to adjust to the world of work and follow-on education.

Freestate ChalleNGe places a strong emphasis on commitment, concentration and concerted effort. A primary program objective is to prepare enrollees for the G.E.D. examination.

To qualify for Freestate ChalleNGe, participants must: be drug free, not be in the juvenile justice system, be a high school dropout and be able to pass a ninth grade aptitude test.

For more information on Freestate ChalleNGe contact Chaplain (Maj.) Ron Martin-Minnich, program director, or Charles Rooks, recruiter, at 1-800-820-6692 or visit a Maryland National Guard Armory.

### Winter weekend getaway to Jack Frost and Eagle Rock

The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Information, Ticketing and Registration Office is offering a winter weekend getaway Feb. 16 to 18 to Jack Frost and Eagle Rock for snow skiing. The trip includes round trip escorted motor coach transportation, two nights hotel accommodations at Days Inn, Danville, Pa., four smorgasbords, entertainment and open bar available (must be 21 with legal photo identification).

Rates per person for a quad (four per room) is \$200, for a triple (three per room) is \$224, and a double (two per room) is \$230. Payment in full must be received no later than Jan. 22.

For more information call 410-278-4011/278-4621.

### Snow ski rental packages available at Outdoor Recreation

Are you planning a ski trip this winter? If you are, stop by the Equipment Resource Center at Outdoor Recreation and rent your skis today.

It is offering a downhill ski season package (skis, boots and poles) for \$100. Keep the equipment until April 1, 2001. This also includes three free ski tunings through the season. You can also rent skis for the season for \$70 or boots for \$30.

ERC rents skis for \$7.50 a day, boots for \$5 a day and poles for \$2.50 a day, or get the whole set for \$14.00 per day. Take 25 percent off when you rent ski sets for four or more days.

The Equipment Resource Center has snowboards for \$15 a day, and ski bibs and car rack for \$5 a day.

Stop by the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and get pre-fitted for skis. For more information call 410-278-4124/5789.

### Eat at the APG Bowling Center

During the week of Jan. 8 to 14, the Bowling Center in building 2342 is featuring the cheese steak special. It includes chips, a 16-oz. soft drink, and one free game of bowling - all for only \$5. The menu at the APG Bowling Center snack bar also includes APG's greatest cheese steak, burgers, chicken filet sandwich, meatball subs, wing dings and wing zings, pizza, french fries and much, much more. For more information call 410-278-4041.

### Quilt Raffle

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club of APG is sponsoring a quilt raffle. The quilt is a queen size \*Americana\* quilt made by members of the MCSC. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5, and may be

be purchased at the Thrift Shop or by calling Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508. Tickets go on sale Jan. 15, and the drawing will be March 14. Proceeds to benefit morale and welfare funds.

### Boater Safety Course

Outdoor Recreation and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04 is offering a 13-lesson Boating Skills & Seamanship Course, starting on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Classes will be held in the Edgewood Area, building E-4733 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. A fee of \$25 covers the cost of textbook and study guide.

Completion of the first six lessons of this 13-lesson course meets the State of Maryland requirement for those born after 1972 who wish to operate a power boat or personal water craft on Maryland waters (including at APG).

Maryland law specifies that PWC operators must be 16 years of age and have a safety certificate. Boating safety is important to boaters of all ages and all levels of experience. Upon successfully completing the course, you will receive a certificate. This certificate can reduce your insurance premiums, meet the Maryland law requirements, and most importantly, enhance your knowledge of boating safety.

Class is limited, so make your reservations early. For more information, contact Pat Cowin, 410-569-8093, Charles Shadle, 410-838-2265, Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

### Curtailment of furnishings turn-in

Due to the curtailed service at the Single Stock Fund Turn-In Section until Feb. 15, the Furnishings Management Branch will not accept turn-ins from units until the first week of February. For more information contact Carol Lamp at 410-278-4655.

### Family Child Care training

Family Child Care training will be held during the week of Feb. 12 in building 2752. Interviews will be held on Feb. 6 and 7. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially in the Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply. Being a professionally-trained provider in a warm home environment offers many benefits: extra cash, self employment, free training in a marketable profession, transferable credit to Army installations world wide, free use of lending library, free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credential program; and participation in the USDA food program. For details, call Gail Smith (AA), 410-278-7477/8720 or Kathy Reese (EA), 410-436-2692/3355.

### EA Thrift Shop Consignment Room

Effective Jan. 2, the Consignment Room of the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will close at 1 p.m. on Thursdays, because of a shortage of afternoon volunteers. For more information, call the EA Thrift Shop at 410-676-4733.

### Tutors available at Aberdeen Area Youth Center

Wendy Haslup is available for tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Call her there Monday through Friday to set up an appointment, 410-278-4995 or 410-278-9061. For more information about our tutoring program and other activities, contact the Aberdeen Youth Center at 410-278-4995.

### NECPOC announces training course

Leadership Skills for Non-Supervisors will be offered Apr. 10-11, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School. Tuition is \$245.

This course is designed for team leaders, office coordinators, special emphasis program managers and all non-supervisory employees who want to enhance their leadership skills. It includes instruction in handling different personality types, the art of giving constructive feedback that minimizes defensiveness, effective delegation, overcoming conflict without making enemies and building teams that work well together and get results.

Nominations must be received in the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, by Jan. 19.

For more information contact Karin Hancock, 410-306-0065 or e-mail her at Karin.Hancock@cpocner.apg.army.mil.

### Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

Thrift Savings Plan is open for changes to enrollment until Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees must now contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) to make an open season change. Enrollment form TSP-1 can no longer be completed or processed by the CPAC. Employees may call the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287 or access the website at www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or make a change.

Employees who wish to change the way their TSP account balance is currently invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made up to once a month by calling the ThriftLine at 504-255-8777 or by completing a TSP-30, Interfund Transfer Request, available on the TSP website, www.tsp.gov. The TSP website includes current TSP information, forms and publications.

### Register now for HCC spring credit courses

Credit classes for Harford Community College's Spring 2001 semester begin on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Registration is now taking place in the College's Chesapeake Center. Sign up Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Jan. 16.

In addition, registration is accepted at HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-2338.

For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Office of Records and Registration at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222. For more information or to obtain forms, see the Spring Schedule of Credit Classes that was mailed to all Harford County residents. Students can also access the Schedule of Classes at www.harford.cc.md.us.

### Family Housing Office hours

The Family Housing Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office participates in the compressed work schedule, with every other Friday off. For more information call 410-306-2010.

### 2001 USO Guide to Washington and Baltimore

The USO of Metropolitan Washington announces the 2001 Guide to Washington and Baltimore is available. This 13th edition of the guide is an invaluable resource for service members stationed, or on temporary assignment, in the Washington metropolitan area. It provides a comprehensive listing of USO and military resources, information on sight seeing and recreation, maps, and general information on living in the area. The winning photo, taken by Lt. Col. Donna H. Parry, USAF (retired), from the USO-Metro photography contest is featured on the cover of the guide. The USO-Metro will hold another photo contest to select the 2002 Guide to Washington and Baltimore cover. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 15.

The Guide is provided free of charge to members of the military and their families and may be picked up at USO-Metro's administrative offices in building 59 on Fort Myer or at any USO Outreach Center. Copies are also being distributed through area Senior Enlisted Advisors. For more information, call 703-696-2628.

### KUSAHC healthy eating

Kirk will help you develop healthy-eating habits during a two-hour session to be conducted 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and again on Feb. 15. A health and wellness counselor will cover reading food labels, the food pyramid, food proportions, and diet and exercise as related to weight loss. Training will be conducted in the Preventive Medicine Conference room (room A-12), Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible. For more information and to schedule for the first class, call 410-278-1964.

### Help available for workers' compensation

The Workers' Compensation Office is located in the Installation Safety Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, building 4304. The office is open for walk-in assistance on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the office will schedule appointments. For more information contact the Workers' Compensation Office at 410-306-1091 or program manager, Susie Ashby, at 410-306-1057.

### PTA needs volunteers

Roye-Williams Elementary School needs volunteers for the PTA. You do not need to be a parent to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, call Tom DiCuirci, 410-272-5349, or Sue Osborne, 410-273-5536. Your support will help make this year a great success for our children.

# APG News

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## Inclement weather closing announcements

Ten area radio stations and four television stations will provide Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel with information on post closings when the APG commander determines that weather and road conditions are too hazardous to conduct business as usual. Announcements should begin at about 5 a.m. Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically. The radio and television stations are:

Station	Frequency	Location
WAMD	AM 970	Aberdeen
WXCX	FM 103.7	Havre de Grace
WBAL	AM 1090	Baltimore
WIYY	FM 97.9	Baltimore
WPOC	FM 93.1	Baltimore
WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WMAR-TV	Channel 2	Baltimore
WBFF-TV	Channel 45	Baltimore
WJZ-TV	Channel 13	Baltimore



# APG scientists and engineers win big at Army Science Conference

**By Sheila Little**  
*APG News*

Scientists from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, tenant organizations of Aberdeen Proving Ground, were among the winners at this year's Army Science Conference. The 22nd annual event took place at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Dec. 11 to 13.

The conference, featuring presentations of papers and posters judged as best among those submitted by Army scientists and engineers, is held each year for the benefit of those from academia, industry, the U.S. Government and allied nations. The conference showcases the Army's best research to the international scientific and engineering community, provides a forum for discussion, and highlights the important technical achievements of Army scientists and engineers.

Jim Zarzycki, director of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Research, Development and Engineering Center, said Aberdeen Proving Ground was well-represented, with area scientists and engineers receiving several of the honors at R&D Achievement Awards 2000. He pointed out that those recognized covered a wide range of accomplishments and included collaborative endeavors with other APG tenants.

"I am very proud that we were recognized for spanning the entire spectrum of research and development accomplishments," Zarzycki said.

He said that the recognized research covered a broad spectrum, ranging "from basic research to demonstrated technology concepts to advanced development."

"The community here is collaborating, working together for the benefit of all," he said, adding that APG tenants demonstrated a willingness to cooperate with other scientists and engineers on the installation for the common good.

Area scientists receiving awards included Dr. H. Dupont Durst, research chemist, ECBC, Dr. Ray Yin, team leader, ARL, and Cpt. Steven Hobson, Ph.D., MRICD, for research on the topic entitled Nanoreactor-based Topical Skin Protectant Creams.

The interest in developing materials for chemical and biological defense has increased in recent years. Existing chemical protective clothing is thought of as bulky and unbreathable, and, in some circumstances, not effective against mustard. Existing creams can protect from most chemical agents, but none are effective against sulfur mustard, which blisters and penetrates both clothing and skin.

The three scientists from different tenants at APG, worked together to design a molecule that causes little skin irritation, and also has decontamination capabilities.

Dr. Richard Smardzewski, supervisory research chemist, David Sickenberger, research chemist, Felix Reyes, electronics engineer, J. Michael Cress, combat developments and materiel systems specialist, and Karen Vado, support specialist, all of ECBC, were recognized for developing the lightweight and easily deployable Biological Attack Warning System.

The BAWS is a two-tiered network of lightweight, remote, battery-powered sensors radio-linked to a briefcase-sized central base station. Enough equipment to warn an area of approximately 30 square kilometers for 300 days, occupies only one third of the space on an air transport pallet. Five additional technology transitions are being developed due to this program.

ECBC's Bruce Jezek, previous program director for biological defense systems and current associate technical director, and Patrick Berry, Biological

Detection System technical team leader, were recognized for developing and fielding an improved Biological Integrated Detection System.

The BIDS is a vehicle-mounted shelter containing a biological detection suite, designed to determine large-area biological attacks. The improved BIDS, called P3I BIDS, has expanded and semi-automated detection and identification capabilities.

This improved version allows soldiers to detect and identify twice the number of biological agents in half the time.

Dr. Lynne A. Samuelson, a research chemist with SBCCOM's Natick Soldier Center, was recognized for the topic entitled New Electronic and Photonic Polymers for Warrior Systems.

Samuelson used biological materials to catalyze a reaction to produce polymers with desirable electronic or optical properties which are environmentally safe and economical. The technology,

an alternate route to synthesize polymeric materials, is particularly attractive because it is considered safe, simple, and adaptable, meaning great technological, economic and environmental benefits for the Defense Department, industry and society.

Dr. Carolyn K. Bensel, research psychologist at the Natick Soldier Center, was honored for her topic entitled Biomechanics for Improved Combat Footwear. Bensel used biomechanical methods and analyses in her study of combat footwear design, employing laboratory and military field studies in her research, resulting in a design which reduces the incidence of lower extremity injuries, enhances mobility, and is judged comfortable by the soldier.

"I am very proud of the research being done by Army scientists and engineers at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and am pleased that the scientific community recognizes the high caliber people we have at APG," Zarzycki said.

Photo by  
CONRAD JOHNSON

***Dr. H. Dupont Durst, left, research chemist, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, and Dr. Ray Yin, team leader, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, work together in one of their joint nanobiotechnology laboratories. They were two of APG's award winners announced at the conclusion of the 22nd annual Army Science Conference, held in Baltimore in December. Of the 51 research and development achievement awards given, 12 were APG related.***



# 143rd Ordnance Battalion Christmas blood drive



Photo by   SPC. LARRY CHAMBERLIN

***Pfc. Brasswell donates blood to the American Red Cross as part of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion’s December blood drive. The 143rd contributed 57 pints of blood during this drive.***

## NEWS FROM THE ITR OFFICE

The following exhibits are available in the local area for day trips for you and your family. Tickets ranging from \$2 to \$10 can be purchased at the destination as the ITR Office does not carry these tickets.

**Model Train Display**  
www.modelengineers.com  
Show takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 14, 21 and 28 at the

Baltimore Society of Model Engineers, 225 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, third floor. Price is \$2 to \$3. Call 410-837-2763.

**B&O Railroad Museum**  
Open daily. Call 410-752-2388 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 901 W. Pratt St., Baltimore.  
Continuing “Miniature Marvels” and “What Time Is It” Price is \$7 to \$5. Free for age 2 and under.

**Baltimore Streetcar Museum**  
Open Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. 1901 Falls Rd., Baltimore. Cost is \$5 to \$2.50 with \$15 family maximum. Call 410-547-0264.

**Great Blacks In Wax Museum**  
Call 410-563-3404 for hours of operation. Located at 1601 E. North Ave., Baltimore. Prices \$6 to \$3.75.

### ***BLOOD DRIVE, from front page***

now works with the American Red Cross in helping to collect units that will hopefully give others a second chance to live. She said that because her son was given a second chance to live, she is committed her time and life to helping others.

The American Red Cross in the Chesapeake and Potomac Region needs to collect over 1,100 units of blood everyday to save the lives in this area alone. The 143rd was able to contribute 57 units of blood during this drive.

“The soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion definitely realized the importance of giving blood,” said Traverse. “Just as we have realized in the past weeks that every vote counts, so does every unit of blood given because it will save the lives of many friends and family members.”

“Members of the battalion felt they had given the gift of life,” said Staff Sgt. Vincent Philips, instructor. “What a great way for the soldiers of the 143rd to start celebrating Christmas.”

The day ended for Traverse and her son with an escorted tour of tanks and other equipment the soldiers of 143rd Ordnance Battalion use for training.

# SBCCOM shares knowledge with emergency responders

*HAMMER AWARD from front page*

knowledge and specific technical expertise,” Warrington said.

The innovative approach teamed respected local emergency responders with federal experts, Warrington said.

The domestic preparedness concept began in 1996 when acts of terrorism in the U.S. and abroad caused the government to examine the ability of its cities to respond to terrorist use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction.

The Defense Authorization Bill of 1997 created the Domestic Preparedness Program, which the Defense Department administers through SBCCOM.

The program’s mission is to provide assistance to federal, state and local emergency responders in preparing for and responding to terrorist incidents involving NBC agents, and emphasizing the importance of prior planning and collaboration with responding organizations.

“This was a totally new concept for DoD; to interact with state and local agencies,” said Suzanne Milchling, program manager for ECBC and a DPteam member.

“The team approach partnered experts with responders to train local responders,” Milchling said. “The concept established an essential level of trust and credibility among those we trained.”

Over the past three years, the DP program has completed training in more than 87 of the most populated areas of the United States. With more than 24,000 individual trainers trained, the nation’s emergency responders are significantly better prepared to respond to a terrorist threat involving weapons of mass destruction.

The Hammer Award is presented to teams of federal employees who make significant contributions in support of reinventing government principles. Conceived by Vice President, Al Gore, the award is

“the answer to yesterday’s government and its \$400 hammer.”

The award consists of a \$6 hammer, a ribbon, and a note from the vice president in an aluminum frame. Individual awards consist of a certificate and a hammer lapel pin.

More than 1,200 Hammer Awards have been presented to teams of federal, state and local employees and citizens who have worked together to build a better government.

Domestic Preparedness Team Members from SBCCOM are Richard Barrett, Kim Bender, Georgia Braun, Robert Cahoon, James Church, William Compton, Charles Crawford, Michael DeZearn, Frank DiPietro, Mary Doak, James Duhala, Peter Farlow, Paul Fedele, Janet Fields, Lisa Foust, Ann Gallegos, Patsy Garcia, James Genovese, Al Goodman, Paul Grasso, Cindy Hart, Richard Hutchinson, Maj. Gregory Hutchinson, Jose Irizarry, William Lake, Lt. Col. Carroll Lucas, Steve Marshall, Suzanne Milchling, Raymond Miller, Mohamed Mughal, Robert Plank, Rosemary Pope, Bob Richer, Ivy Roberson, Maj. Joseph Rose, Paul Schabdach, Al Seitzinger, Elaine Stewart-Craig, Richard Vigus, James Warrington and Gerald Young.

Contractors on the Domestic Preparedness Team are Booz-Allen & Hamilton, EAI Corporation, SAIC, Prime, Disaster Planning International, Research Planning, Inc., Innovative Emergency Management and Batelle.

Partner Organizations are the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Defense, Director of Military Support.

## Ice poses a threat to all

*ICE DANGER, from front page*

were fortunate because the frantic calls from each incident were observed by someone who was able to call emergency personnel. Falling in the water or being exposed to the elements results in hypothermia. The freezing temperatures add stress on the body because cold causes blood vessels to constrict and can create heart strain. People with hypothermia

feel cold to the touch and may have a slow pulse. They may appear lethargic or confused. Hypothermia can be fatal.

If you find yourself a first responder, the first person on the scene of an accident, to a person with hypothermia, here are the first steps in rendering aid. Take off any wet clothes and wrap the person in blankets. Head right for

the emergency room.

In the case of frost nip, the step before frostbite, place the numbed area in lukewarm water. Never put the area in hot or boiling water. If the skin is blue or black, that means actual frostbite. Again try lukewarm water and go directly to the emergency room.

Remember, the best way is the safe way. Stay off the ice.



# Taxpayer Assistance Center opens Feb. 1

## Free tax assistance offered by trained volunteers

Income tax season is here. Are you prepared to file your tax return? Do you need help in preparing your return? Would you like to file your return electronically for free, and get your refund back faster than if you filed by mail?

### Free Tax Assistance

The Installation Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, will provide free tax assistance this year to qualifying military members, retirees, and family members. A Taxpayer Assistance Center has been established on the second floor of building 310, wing 9. It will be open Feb. 1 through April 16, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military units have appointed trained personnel to assist military members with tax return preparation.

### Trained Volunteers

The unit tax advisors have been trained in federal and Maryland state income tax return preparation. An examination at the end of the course certifies each Unit Tax Advisor as a VITA income tax preparer. Military members who desire assistance in preparing and filing their income tax returns should contact their Unit Tax

Advisor. Persons who do not have a unit tax advisor, or retirees and their family members, may make an appointment for free tax assistance by calling 410-278-1583.

### Unit Tax Advisors

Unit tax advisors are designated in each company-sized unit to assist soldiers in their unit in preparing both the federal and Maryland state income tax returns. The unit tax advisors can set up self-help instructional classes with proper coordination or they can prepare individual returns for soldiers in their particular units using VITA materials provided to them. Tax issues and returns beyond the scope of the VITA program will be referred to the Taxpayer Assistance Center or a paid tax preparer.

### Be Prepared

It is extremely important to gather all of the information needed to file an accurate return. Be sure to assemble your W-2 statements, Form 1099s, social security numbers for all dependents, child care expenses and provider identification, and Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA) information. If you think that you should itemize your deductions, you will need materials such as a mortgage interest statement,

alimony information, medical receipts, rental reports, investment statements, and charitable contribution receipts. Documents needed depend on your individual situation. Your unit tax advisor cannot help you to prepare a return unless you bring the needed documentation. Remember, the failure to produce any of the above documents can lead to an inaccurate tax return and IRS penalties against you, the taxpayer.

### Tax Forms

Tax forms can be obtained at the library, the post office, from your unit tax advisor or at the Taxpayer Assistance Center (open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). The Taxpayer Assistance Center also has out-of-state tax forms.

Free electronic filing is also available through most unit tax advisors and the Taxpayer

Assistance Center.

If you are due a refund and qualify for the tax assistance program, you may be able to have your tax return electronically filed. The unit tax advisor will schedule appointments for electronic filing after careful review of each return. Electronic filing will enable you to receive your refund by check or direct deposit into your bank account rather than having it mailed. The average return time is approximately three weeks for a check mailed to you and about seven to ten days for deposit into your checking or savings account.

For further information and assistance with tax preparation and/or electronic filing, contact your unit tax advisor or the Taxpayer Assistance Center, building 310, wing 9, 410-278-1583.

Scholarships for military children

The Feb. 15 deadline is fast approaching for students to apply for a new scholarship program funded by manufacturers and business partners of the commissary system. The Scholarships for Military Children program offers college-bound or college-enrolled military children the opportunity to apply for \$1,500 scholarships. One scholarship per commissary location is planned, dependent on the receipt of qualified applications at the location. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) operates nearly 300 commissaries worldwide.

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders to include active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive (i.e., age 21, or up to age 23 if still enrolled as a full-time student). Completed applications should be returned to a local commissary no later than close of business, Feb. 15, where a store official will validate eligibility by checking the applicant’s dependent identification (ID) card.

Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average and write a short essay on “What being a Military Dependent Means to Me.” Application forms are available at the Post Commissary or can be downloaded at [www.commissary.com](http://www.commissary.com). A “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ) section can also be found at the web site.

Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children program. DeCA and Fisher House are not involved in the selection of scholarship recipients. An independent contractor, Scholarship Managers, will select recipients on the basis of merit. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 30.

## Harford County offers flu vaccine

The Harford County Health Department is continuing influenza vaccine clinics this month. Every Friday in January clinics will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. in Aberdeen and Bel Air. The Aberdeen location is the community building, 34 North Philadelphia Blvd., 2nd floor. The Bel Air location is 119 South Hayes St. An additional clinic will be held for one session from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, at the Highland Community Center, 708 Highland Rd., in Street. Inoculations will be given to attendees over the age of 12, on a

first-come, first-serve basis. Due to limited supplies of the vaccine, non-active duty Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic beneficiaries interested in receiving the vaccine, are urged to pursue inoculation through the county health department. Call the health department, 410-638-8459, for more information.



# Community Notes

## Jan. 11 STOP SMOKING IN 2001

New smoking cessation classes are being offered in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, beginning with a pre-quit class scheduled for Jan. 11. Taught by Ruth Maiorana of the Harford County Health Department, and taking place at U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, building E-1942, the classes are open to anyone on the installation interested in quitting, cutting back, maintaining their former-smoker status, or supporting those contemplating this major step toward better health in the new millennium. Classes will be offered over a six-week period beginning with the one-hour pre-quit session, and will continue for five additional weeks every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., until Feb. 18.

Sessions feature steps leading up to quitting or cutting back on the habit, group support, and tips on how to remain smoke-free. Call Cindy Rok, 410-436-3044, for registration and more information.

For those in the Aberdeen Area, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic holds new classes each month for beneficiaries interested in kicking the habit. Classes are held in the Preventive Medicine Conference Room of KUSAHC, every Thursday, noon to 1 p.m. Contact the clinic, 410-278-1964, for more information.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 16 ITALIAN SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Italian Specialty Meal will be served in the Aberdeen

## LEAVE DONATION

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Nicholas J. Lombardo, Jr. (heart attack)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Tammy Budkey	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
William H. Davis (recovering from illness)	Michael Reynolds
Tricia Lin Dietz	Janice M. Rice (assist ill mother)
Fred Dill	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Surinder K. Dillon (son has cancer)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Joseph R. Dugan	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Messina Enderlein	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Sherry Schaffer
Willa Freisheim	Lena Shelton
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)	John E. Smith
Norman L. Greear	Motoko Stahl
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Rachel Swearingen
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Frances L. Thomas
Wayne A. Jaynes	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)	Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Carole Jones	Willie Williams
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski
Beverly King (caring for husband)	(care for elderly parents)
William Klein	

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial; 410-278-1524; or fax 410-278-7877.

Area dining facilities (buildings 4219 and 4503) and Edgewood Area dining facility (building E4225) between 5:30 and 7 p.m. During this event all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate for dinner (\$3.20) applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their guest. The discount meal rate for dinner (\$2.65) applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal and members of organized non-profit youth groups at either the national or local level and permitted to eat in the dining facility by the commander of the installation.

For more information call Ed Parylo or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1393/139

## SATURDAY JANUARY 20 MORE BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School located on 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a bake sale and drinks available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School at 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. Proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22 FREE VOCAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS

Ladies, if you enjoy singing and would like to learn skills to improve your craft, join the UPPER CHESAPEAKE CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International, a professional women's a cappella chorus, for a free 3-week course, Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at Bel Air Elementary School. Certified director Cydney Wentzel, along with members of UCC's music staff, will teach vocal technique, breathing and physical preparation, as well as 4-part harmony, choreography, and stage presence. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 410-575-7602, 410-877-7314, or 410-838-0921.

## MOVIES

Post Theater admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

### UNBREAKABLE

Friday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson

David is the sole survivor of a devastating train wreck who meets Elijah, a mysterious stranger who offers a bizarre explanation as to why David escaped without a single scratch, an explanation which threatens to change David's family and life forever. (Rated PG-13)

### 102 DALMATIONS

Saturday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Glen Close, Gerard Depardieu

Cruella De Vil is released from prison on good behavior swearing that she will have nothing to do with fur ever again in her life. She, however, cannot keep this promise and soon is plotting another scheme to get her ultimate Dalmatian coat. (Rated G)

### THE 6TH DAY

Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 p.m.  
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tony Goldwyn

Imagine a world free of incurable diseases, a world where animals are no longer threatened by extinction, world hunger has been eradicated, the family pet can be cloned and even tailored to match the decor of your home, or a virtual girlfriend can be designed to your exact specifications, a remarkable world in which the one thing that has eluded man since the beginning of time is finally within his reach - immortality. (Rated PG-13)

## GRADUATE ENGINEERING COURSES TO BE HELD AT HEAT CENTER

The Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University and the Harford Community College successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Nov. 29 enabling JHU to bring graduate courses to the HEAT Center. The spring semester begins Jan. 22.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING: HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

The course addresses traditional and innovative technologies, concepts, and principles applied to the management of hazardous waste to protect human health and the environment. Topics include regulatory requirements; fate and transport of contaminants; physical, chemical, and biological treatment; land disposal restrictions; guidelines for design, construction, and closure of hazardous waste landfills; environmental monitoring systems; management of medical waste and treatment options; management of underground and above ground storage tanks; toxicology and risk assessment; pollution prevention and waste minimization; hazardous waste generators and transporters; permitting and enforcement of hazardous waste facilities; closure and financial assurance requirements; and RCRA Subtitle C Corrective Action and CERCLA/Superfund remediation processes.  
575.422.61  
Wednesdays H. Alavi  
\$1,830 5 to 7:45 p.m.

### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING: INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER SCIENCE

Topics include bonding in polymers, polymer morphology, molecular weight characterization, polymer solubility and solutions, transitions in polymers, condensation and free-radical polymerization, copolymerization, rubber elasticity, viscoelasticity, polymer processing.  
545.427.61 TBD

G. Murray \$1,830 6:15 to 9 p.m.

### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING: DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING

Basics concepts of discrete linear shift-invariant systems are emphasized, including sampling, quantization, and reconstruction of analog signals. Extensive coverage of the Z-transform, discrete Fourier transform, and Fourier transform is given. An overview of digital filter design includes discussion of impulse invariance, bilinear transform, and window functions. Filter structures, finite length register effects, round-off noise, and limit cycles in discrete-time digital systems are also covered. Prerequisite: A working knowledge of Fourier and Laplace transforms.

525.427.61 On-line  
H. Ambrose \$1,830

### MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING: ALLOY SELECTION FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN

This course examines mechanical property design requirements including code base design requirements. Alloy selection for strength, ductility, fatigue life, cost fracture toughness, corrosion resistance, and wear are studied. The joining of materials by welding and brazing is addressed. Alloy systems, nomenclature, and physical properties are examined with attention to information sources.  
515.414.61 Tuesdays  
R.Pond \$1,830 6:15 to 9 p.m.

**Admission requirements:** Applicants taking a graduate-level course must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or be in the last semester of undergraduate study. As an alternative to mailing an application, prospective students may apply on line at <http://www.jhu.edu/pte/form.html>.

For more information call 1-800-JHU-ENGR (1-800-548-3647) or e-mail [pte@jhu.edu](mailto:pte@jhu.edu) or visit <http://www.jhu.edu/pte>.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

The Garrison library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen or Edgewood area library branches and check out some books.

**Code to Zero** by Ken Follett

**Combat** edited by Stephen Coonts

**The Constant Gardener** by John LeCarre

**From the Corner of His Eye** by Dean R. Koontz

**Licks of Love** by John Updike

**Motherhood Made a Man Out of Me** by Karen Karbo

**Protect and Defend** by Richard North Patterson

**Roses are Red** by James Patterson

**Shopgirl** by Steve Martin

**The Third Option** by Vince Flynn

The Aberdeen Area library, building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard, is open Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. (The Aberdeen Area library is temporarily closed until further notice.) The Edgewood Area library, building E-4405 on Austin Road, is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## OC&S LIBRARY UPDATE

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in building 3071 (Ordnance Center and Schools) in the basement. Hours are Monday and Thursday 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 12 to 7 p.m., and Friday 12 to 4 p.m.

## RETIREES FOR JANUARY

Ernest M. Atwell, ATC, 32 years  
Frederick C. Baldauf, SBCCOM, 41 years  
Sylvia M. Bauer, PMCD, 42 years  
Margaret K. Boyle, ATC, 16 years  
Flora W. Bradley, DTC, 27 years  
William A. Broadhurst Jr., ATC, 30 years  
Edward F. Carson, DSHE, 40 years  
Charlotte E. Case, ARL, 25 years  
Clarence L. Choate, SBCCOM, 37 years  
Aivars K.R. Celmins, ARL, 36 years  
Edward F. Colburn, SBCCOM, 28 years  
Peter W. Dolan, TEU, 32 years  
Donna W. Donache, DTC, 32 years  
Francis W. DuBois Jr., ATC, 37 years

Julia DuBois, DTC, 25 years  
Patricia A. Easter, DLES, 33 years  
Warren T. Eller, SBCCOM, 39 years  
Michael G. Finkle, AEC, 43 years  
Lucinda J. Giles, PMCD, 17 years  
Richard J. Graham, SBCCOM, 41 years  
George J. Gray, SBCCOM, 38 years  
Glen R. Gray, ATC, 40 years  
Phyllis A. Gray, SBCCOM, 36 years  
Charles B. Haley, ATC, 23 years  
Joseph Huerta, SBCCOM, 35 years  
Janet W. Hurley, ATC, 20 years  
George A. Jack, ATC, 35 years  
John D. Jackson, PMCD, 30 years

Franklin O. Johnson, ATC, 34 years  
Walter K. Jones, ATC, 34 years  
Richard E. Kehoe, OC&S, 41 years  
Louis T. Kline Sr., DPW, 14 years  
John R. Kopczynski, SBCCOM, 22 years  
Frank G. Lattin, SBCCOM, 32 years  
James C. Libby, DTC, 39 years  
Malcolm E. Little, SBCCOM, 37 years  
Thomas A. Lucas, ATC, 32 years  
Frank J. Malkin, ARL, 39 years  
Janet M. McMillion, SBCCOM, 37 years  
Robert A. Miller, SBCCOM, 38 years  
Donald H. Nesbit, SBCCOM, 25 years  
Robert T. Pakulski, DPW, 27 years

Joseph A. Rehrmann, SBCCOM, 37 years  
Betty G. Sexton, ATC, 20 years  
Joanne M. Sexton, DRM, 20 years  
Elaine R. Smith, AMC Acquisition Center, 33 years  
William E. Smith, SBCCOM, 33 years  
Ronald R. Sommer, ATC, 31 years  
Richard A. Stephens, ATC, 39 years  
Robert M. Taylor, ATC, 29 years  
Audley J. Thomson, DPW, 5 years  
Carlos Torres Costa, OC&S, 46 years  
Betty J. Wyman, AEC, 37 years  
John G. Zdenek, IRAC, 35 years











# APG bids farewell to Chaplain Rodriguez

## OC&S chaplain enroute to U.S. Army School of the Americas

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Members of Aberdeen Proving Ground’s religious community said goodbye to Chaplain (Maj.) Jose A. Rodriguez, and his wife, Sandy, during a December farewell dinner in the Aberdeen Area Chapel’s Fellowship Hall.

Unit Ministry Team members, post leaders and members of the chapels’ congregations attended the dinner.

An ethics instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and pastor of the Aberdeen Area Chapel’s gospel service since 1998, Rodriguez departed the command for an assignment at the U.S. Army School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth Kolenbrander, deputy installation chaplain, said the community would miss both Rodriguezes.

“He is a dear friend with a heart of gold,” Kolenbrander said. “His wonderful quality will be hard to replace.”

He added “Sandy Rodriguez is a minister in her own right,” as the former head of the Protestant Women of the Chapel and an avid volunteer, “she was always willing to do whatever she could to help others.”

Several groups bestowed gifts and thanks on the departing couple. They included Protestant Women of the Chapel members Dina Hughes, the wife of Lt.

Col. Bernard Hughes, executive officer of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, and Nancy Brugh, the wife of Col. Kone Brugh from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School.

The gospel service pastoral staff, led by associate minister Dawn Paul, presented Rodriguez with a plaque with an inscription from Jeremiah 3:15: “and I will give you shepherd according to my heart.”

Paul described Rodriguez as “a person of order who would give you another view no matter how much it hurts.”

“The congregation is better than it was when he arrived,” Paul said. “This is a place where God trains and develops and he was a big part of that.”

Rodriguez, calling it a privilege to have served two congregations and OC&S, asked the community to remember the good things about him.

“Remember that we came here to show you to the Lord. If we accomplished part of that, we’ve done well here,” Rodriguez said. “Thank you for accepting us and treating us so well.”

Other well-wishers on hand for the farewell dinner included Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.(P)) Larry Robinson, installation chaplain, recently arrived from Heidelberg, Germany.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Aberdeen Proving Ground Chaplains join Chaplain (Maj.) Jose A. Rodriguez, center during his farewell dinner in the Aberdeen Area Chapel's Fellowship Hall. An ethics instructor in the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and the former pastor of the Moment of Truth gospel congregation, Rodriguez is headed to Fort Benning Georgia's School of the Americas. From left, Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Kenneth Kolenbrander, deputy installation chaplain, (Capt.) Thiering Alexander, 16th Ordnance Battalion, (Maj.) Lee Vermont, 61st Ordnance Brigade and (Lt. Col.(P)) Larry Robinson, installation chaplain.**

# APG Thrift Shops donate more than \$13,000 to community

## Scouts, schools, units and veterans receive helping hand

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Thrift Shops have announced this year’s disbursements for the benefit of community and installation organizations and schools.

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop announced disbursements totaling \$5,500, while the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop disbursed \$7,800, while holding an additional \$1,500 in reserve.

Elementary, middle and high schools in Aberdeen and Edgewood received a combined total of nearly \$2,900 from the shops for cultural arts and science programs, band and sports uniforms and trips, and classroom and playground equipment upkeep. In addition, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command’s Kids in Chemistry Program received donations from both clubs to continue promoting science education in the local schools.

Local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops received donations from the Edgewood store and challenge grants from the Aberdeen store to offset expenses for programs, summer camps, dues and trips. Troops receiving donations or grants included Cub Scout Packs 651 and 924, Boy Scout Troop 429, Brownie Troop 1503, and Girl Scout Troops 1555 and 2270. Donations and challenge grants totaled \$600.

Units receiving donations to offset holiday party expenses for the younger troops included Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, U.S. Army Institute of Chemical Defense, U. S. Air Force Detachment 1, U.S. Army Center of Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, and the 143rd Ordnance Brigade Unit Support Group. The 143rd Ministry Team received donations from both clubs for coffeehouse support, Bibles and other supplies. In addition, a contribution was also made to the 203rd Technical Intelligence Battalion for support of those deployed to Bosnia. Donations to units exceeded \$1,900.

Military community contributions from the shops, totaled over \$4,800. Beneficiaries included the installation Alcohol and Drug Program for support of driver education and life skills programs, Edgewood Area and Garrison libraries for audio books, Army Community Service for holiday food baskets and food closets, American Red Cross to support the baby-sitter classes on the installation, National Military Family Association for support of issues dealing with the military family, the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security for drug and crime resistance programs, the Family Childcare Program for games and toys dedicated to developing motor skills, and the nursing department of KUSAHC for the Germ Busters Program.

# Military.com launches definitive career resource

By Mike Doble  
Military Advantage

Expanding services assist with career advancement at every lifestage.

Military.com (www.military.com), the largest online destination for the military community, launched new services for the 250,000 people who transition from military service into the civilian marketplace each year. Military.com brings together objective information, tools, career guides and job postings to offer the most comprehensive, unbiased resource for people transitioning from the military. This complements existing resources for people considering a military career or reserve/national guard duty.

Military.com provides job listings and profiles of employers that value military experience, tools for self-assessment and for translating over 6,000 military skills into civilian terms, insider information on how to break into 20 leading industries, expert evaluations of military-specific recruiters, detailed salary reports on over 5,000 jobs in every major U.S. city, and step-by-step tips on how to write a resume and prepare for an interview.

In addition, Military.com helps members of the community take full advantage of their educational benefits. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, half of all service members eligible for the GI Bill do not use the benefits they earned through their active duty service. Military.com and its subsidiary, GIBillExpress.com, help members under-

stand their eligibility, find scholarships and objectively evaluate colleges. GIBillExpress.com offers exclusive rankings of colleges based upon incentives provided for veterans and policies on accepting prior military training for credit.

“Leaving active duty for a civilian career or additional education puts people in unfamiliar territory,” said Military.com CEO Christopher Michel. “Military.com assists members of this community in exploring their options and making informed choices. We help people find civilian careers, connect with career experts and get the most out of their educational benefits.”

Military.com serves the 80 million Americans in the military community, offering solutions to consumers and to the government agencies that serve them. As the largest online destination for the military community, Military.com understands the military market and addresses needs related to relocation, career transition, VA loans, financial planning, educational programs and more. As a daily resource for the active duty community and an alumni association for those who served, Military.com keeps members informed and connected for life.

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# Top 10 reasons to choose TRICARE

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Why should you choose TRICARE Prime at your nearby military medicaltreatment facility for your healthcare coverage? There are a lot of good reasons. TRICARE Prime at your military medical treatment facility gives you high-quality health care that is convenient to use with the least out-of-pocket costs.

Here are the top 10 reasons to choose Prime:

### LOWER COSTS

You pay no deductible and no co-payment for outpatient visits at your military medical treatment facility or clinic, and only a small co-payment for civilian doctor office visits. After April 1, 2001, this small co-payment will no longer be required.

### PRIORITY AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

You will receive a higher appointment priority for treatment at military medical treatment facilities.

### INDIVIDUALIZED CARE

You choose your primary care manager and he or she will provide all your healthcare needs and arrange for specialty services when needed. Also, when you enroll in Prime, you will have the opportunity to complete a Health Enrollment Assessment Review survey to help your doctor identify your disease risk factors and the preventive healthcare services you need.

### MINIMAL PAPERWORK

With a military primary care manager, there are no claim forms to fill out. Also, if you are referred to a network provider, that provider will fill out your claim form for you.

### MEDICINE ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

You will receive top-quality health care and medical services. Military medicine is often on the

cutting edge of new technology and research. Additionally, TRICARE members can participate in national clinical trials if they are determined to be eligible.

### QUALITY PROVIDERS

TRICARE doctors at military medical treatment facilities are quality doctors. All TRICARE doctors meet the licensing and certification requirements of TRICARE regulation and have agreed to provide cost-effective services.

### EXPANDED CLINICAL PREVENTIVE CARE BENEFITS

You will receive the best in wellness benefits, including periodic screening tests, clinical examinations, immunizations and eye tests.

### TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE

You should get an appointment within a week and wait no longer than 30 minutes for your routine appointment. All TRICARE Prime providers must follow TRICARE access standards.

### THE ABILITY TO TRANSFER YOUR ENROLLMENT

You can take your healthcare coverage with you when you move, transfer or retire, or if your child goes off to college or lives with your former spouse in another Prime area.


### HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

You will receive health care when you need it. TRICARE provides urgent care coverage to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, advice nurses and health information are available to you 24 hours a day.

For more information about TRICARE Prime, stop by your nearest TRICARE Service center or beneficiary services office, or visit the Department of

Defense’s TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

## Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 tour



The Fire Museum of Maryland will host a Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 Tour on Sunday, Feb. 4 and 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. This historic fire raged for two days and destroyed 140 acres of downtown Baltimore. The cost of the tour is \$35 per person (\$28 for members), and includes a walking tour, light refreshments and exhibits. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-321-7500.



# KUSAHC opens season with win over Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, 50-37



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APG’s soldiers and Marines hit the ground running the first week of the New Year, as Exodus gave way to APG’s 2001 Intramural Basketball season.

The season kicked off Jan. 3 in the Aberdeen Area. Edgewood Area action started Jan. 8.

On Jan. 4, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic opened with a 50-37 win over Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

The recent return from holiday leave didn’t seem to affect either team.

KUSAHC began the game with a commanding offensive strike that took it to an 11-2 lead early in the first period. More than 11 minutes passed before Company E responded with its second basket.

KUSAHC’s Herbert Johnson and Ervin Fantroy scored 12 points each in the contest as they led KUSAHC’s offense to a 28-11 halftime lead.

During the break, Company E coach Roger Cabiness, a student in the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ Officer Basic Course, said his young team is in the process of “feeling each other out.”

“We’ll assess our strengths and weaknesses and make adjustments accordingly,” Cabiness said, adding that two players, Vinson

Washington and Anthony Wilson assist in decision-making.

Washington scored nine points in the game, proving himself a reliable player as well.

KUSAHC’s Stephen Clark had an uncontested jump shot in the second half to take the team to a 34-15 lead with 15:20 on the clock.

After a foul and a Company E timeout, Washington made 1 of 2 from the line, then fought his way through defenders for a 2-point lay-up on the next possession.

Fantroy got KUSAHC going again with a foul-drawing lay-up with 9:40 to go in the game. He missed at the line but made up for it with a jumper off an offensive rebound for a 42-22 lead.

Company E’s Damon McAndrews surprised KUSAHC defenders, scoring 11 points in the second half. Despite added efforts from Ronald Graham and Vaughn Thompson, Company E went down, 50-37.

KUSAHC coach Terence Lambirth praised his team’s strong effort after the game, singling out contributions by Rahman Cosby and Eugenia Kern, the lone female on the team.

“She’s one of our best shooters and she’s not shy on defense either,” Lambirth said.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, Lambirth added “We’ve got a talented group of people. If they play every game like tonight’s we should be in it at the end.”

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*KUSAHC’s Michael Lewis (15) and Herbert Johnson (22) watch the progress of a lay up by Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion’s Anthony Wilson (30), as his teammate Ronald Graham (25), Damon McAndrews (44), and KUSAHC’s Stephen Clark (5) keep watch in the Jan. 4 Aberdeen Division match up. KUSAHC won the game 50-37 to claim its first win of the 2001 Intramural Basketball season.*

## January specials at the Bowling Center

There will be an ABC sanction tournament open to all league bowlers on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14.

On Jan. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. the Girl Scouts will be using all 20 lanes.

A key chain special at the snack bar from Jan. 22 through 27 means if you buy a key chain at the snack bar with a meal, you will receive a free drink.

From Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, there will be an E1-E4 Special Bowl (three pay for two). Identification must be shown.

For more information contact Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041.

